

NMED/ EPA Monthly Meeting

January 23, 2023

NMED

Michael Baca

Kirby Olson

Region 6

Sherry Fuerst

News/Announcements

R6 –

- Selection of Deputy RA Stacy Bennet Dwyer. Stacy has been with EPA R6 since the late 80's in a variety of different programs.

NMED:

Status of SIP/Non-SIP Submittals and Early Engagement

- Regional Haze Updates:
 - NMED: Mark Jones-
 - EPA: Michael Feldman--
- 110(a)(2)(D) Transport:
 - SO₂ Transport – Nevine Salem- No updates from EPA; NMED updates--no new updates. Still too low on staff to address.
 - 2015 ozone Updates –Sherry Fuerst
 - Link to the [[HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-R06-OAR-2021-0801-0001"](https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-R06-OAR-2021-0801-0001)]
 - Link to the [[HYPERLINK "https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/06/2022-04551/federal-implementation-plan-addressing-regional-ozone-transport-for-the-2015-ozone-national-ambient"](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/06/2022-04551/federal-implementation-plan-addressing-regional-ozone-transport-for-the-2015-ozone-national-ambient)] Public comment closed. EPA received more than 110,000 comments
 - CDs establishing the timeline for the has been extended to 1/31/23
 - NM and CABC action- Sherry
 - WEG Deadline suit [[HYPERLINK "https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-06-22/pdf/2022-13295.pdf"](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-06-22/pdf/2022-13295.pdf)]
 - Deadline suit for TX [[HYPERLINK "https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/07/29/2021-16155/proposed-consent-decree-clean-air-act-citizen-suit"](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/07/29/2021-16155/proposed-consent-decree-clean-air-act-citizen-suit)]
 - Modeling results will be released on 1/31/2023
- 179B(b) demonstration Updates:
 - NMED: Armando Paz:
 - [[HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0501-0001"](https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0501-0001)]
 - Public comment closed 9/19/22 no comments received. [[HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0501/document?documentTypes=Rule"](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0501/document?documentTypes=Rule)] published Oct. 19.
 - EPA: Sherry Fuerst, Melanie Magee
- FR final notice for the [[HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/search?filter=EPA-R06-OAR-2016-0676&sortBy=title"](https://www.regulations.gov/search?filter=EPA-R06-OAR-2016-0676&sortBy=title)] published September 29. Public comment closed October 31, 2022. Comments were received.

- PB redesignation no update.
- Ozone Advance. Updates: Randy Pitre, and Michael Baca **All Region** meeting has been postponed until January due to PM schedule.
 - Independent Producer Association NM; represent upstream O&G producers.
 - Bob Spillers: do you have any updates?
- Ownership of SJ power plant is in court. Trying to work out transfer of facility to Farmington. PMN and City of Farmington. Still in court PMN is moving forward with demo plan
 - **Effective date Jan. 1, 2023**
 - Held hearing on the rulemaking in San Juan area not too much controversy.

Additional Topics, Questions, and Follow-up

- 2021 Exceptional Event demonstrations, Armando: Planning on doing the 2021 submitted by the end of the year. Continue to work with Josh Madden. Still on schedule for an end of the year submission; Nov. 9 for public comment period to Dec. 8, completed and not comments so, getting submittal letter signed by Secretary
- 111(d) Emission Guidelines for Oil & Gas: We issued a proposal on November 2nd (signature date, Nov. 15, 2021 was publication date). EPA received nearly 500,000 written comments during the public comment period. We reviewed the comments have issued a [[HYPERLINK "https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/06/2022-24675/standards-of-performance-for-new-reconstructed-and-modified-sources-and-emissions-guidelines-for"](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/06/2022-24675/standards-of-performance-for-new-reconstructed-and-modified-sources-and-emissions-guidelines-for)], Dec. 6, 2022. The [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/epa-issues-supplemental-proposal-reduce"](https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/epa-issues-supplemental-proposal-reduce)] are available on EPA's website. [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/public-hearing-epas-supplemental-proposal"](https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/public-hearing-epas-supplemental-proposal)] to attend public meetings on January 10,11,12, 2023, 10 AM- 8 PM EST; Comments due February 13, 2023.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Emissions Inventory and Analysis Group in EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards announced the dates for next year's International Emissions Inventory Conference (IEIC). Please mark your calendars for **September 26th – September 29th, 2023, in Seattle, WA**. Additional information on the conference venue will be provided soon, so stay tuned.
 - Please stay tuned for more updates about the 2023 IEIC via email. To view the **program from the previous IEIC** held in Dallas, TX, visit [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2019-international-emissions-inventory-conference-collaborative"](https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2019-international-emissions-inventory-conference-collaborative)].
- Construction Fees (part 75-construction fees-SIP related) Title V and NSR and rulemaking activities: Not a priority NMED still doing background investigation. Had an update meeting. Not going forward with the fee schedule for this year or next (place on hold-- but keep it on the agenda, NMED needs to keep this in the focus) Still watching... Solvent for the next 5-7 years no active rulemaking.
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Upcoming rule making activities

Other items for status follow-up or separate discussions.

Next scheduled Monthly February 27 1:00-2:00 PM MST Last scheduled meeting. Do we want to keep the same routine, 4th Monday of every month at 1 PM Mountain time?

NAAQS – periodic reviews (NS = no schedule for next review): [[HYPERLINK](#)

"<https://www.epa.gov/naaqs>"]

Carbon Monoxide (2011) – NS: <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/carbon-monoxide-co-air-quality-standards>

Primary SO₂ – (2019) – NS: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/sulfur-dioxide-so2-primary-air-quality-standards"](http://www.epa.gov/naaqs/sulfur-dioxide-so2-primary-air-quality-standards)]

Ozone – EPA is reconsidering the December 2020 decision to retain the Ozone NAAQS. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) reviewed the ISA associated with the 2020 decision to retain the NAAQS and had numerous comments (posted on the CASAC web pages at [[HYPERLINK "https://casac.epa.gov"](https://casac.epa.gov)]). We expect the next step will be a supplemental ISA from EPA, possibly mid-2023.

Particulate Matter (PM) – EPA announced its proposed decision to revise the primary (health-based) annual PM_{2.5} standard from its current level of 12.0 µg/m³ to within the range of 9.0 to 10.0 µg/m³. EPA also proposed not to change the current: secondary (welfare-based) annual PM_{2.5} standard, primary and secondary 24-hour PM_{2.5} standards, and primary and secondary PM₁₀ standards. EPA also proposed revisions to other aspects of the PM NAAQS, including the Air Quality Index and monitoring requirements.

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/proposed-decision-reconsideration-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-particulate"](https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/proposed-decision-reconsideration-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-particulate)]

Lead (2016) - Anticipate draft Integrated Science Assessment early in 2023

Secondary NO₂/SO₂/PM – Anticipate the draft Policy Assessment early in 2023

Anticipate proposed decision by February 9, 2024, and final decision by December 10, 2024.

Primary NO₂ (2018) – As announced in the December 9, 2022, FR: Interested parties are invited to assist EPA in developing and refining the scientific information base for the review of the primary NO₂ NAAQS by submitting research studies and data that have been published in the peer reviewed scientific literature, accepted for publication, or presented at a public scientific meeting since May 15, 2015. Submissions due NLT 2/7/2023.